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ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Election of three members of the Executive Board of the
World Food Programme

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/8 of 1 November 1995, the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed substantive session of 1995, held elections to fill the vacancies in the new Executive Board of the World Food Programme.
2. At its 60th meeting, on 12 December 1995, the Council elected 15 members of the Board and decided to postpone to a future session the election of two members from list A 1/ and one member from list C 1/ for a term beginning on 1 January 1996 (decision 1995/326).
3. At its organizational session for 1996, the Council will hold elections to fill the three remaining vacancies, for a term beginning on the date of election. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/8, upon completion of the membership, the Council will draw lots to determine the initial terms of office of all 18 members of the Board.

Notes

- 1/ Lists A and C are reproduced in document E/1995/L.11, annex II.

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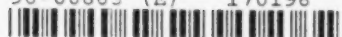
ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Enlargement of the membership of the Commission on Population and Development: election of 20 members

Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995, the Economic and Social Council decided that the membership of the Commission on Population and Development should be increased from 27 to 47.
2. In the same decision, the Council decided that the members of the Commission should be elected by the Council from among the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies before the opening of the twenty-ninth session of the Commission. The new members are to be elected according to the following pattern:
 - (a) Five members from African States;
 - (b) Six members from Asian States;
 - (c) Two members from Eastern European States;
 - (d) Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
 - (e) Three members from Western European and other States.
3. In accordance with United Nations practice, upon completion of the membership, there will be a drawing of lots to stagger the initial terms of

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office. Therefore, one third of those elected will serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996, one third for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one third for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998.



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Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy
and on Energy for Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 40th and 42nd meetings, on 30 and 31 July 1992, the Economic and Social Council elected 20 experts to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, postponing to a future session the election of four experts from African States (see decision 1992/268).
2. At its 2nd and 4th meetings, on 3 and 4 February 1994, the Council elected one expert from African States, leaving three vacancies in that group; it also elected one expert from Eastern European States and one from Latin American and Caribbean States to replace experts from those States who were unable to complete their terms of office (see decision 1994/219).
3. The Secretary-General has received a communication from the Government of Italy nominating William Michael Mebane to complete the unexpired portion of the term of Giovanni Carlo Pinchera (Italy), deceased. Biographical information on the candidate is set out below.

William Michael MEBANE (Italy). Director of the Division for Promotion of Energy Efficiency, Italian Agency for New Technology, Energy and Environment (ENEA). Former Secretary of the European Energy Network and of various energy committees. Director of Sector Development of Integrated Energy Applications, ENEA. Director of Technological Forecasting Unit, Montedison (leading Italian chemical company). MBA from Harvard Business School. Author of numerous books, articles and papers on energy sources and conservation and on geophysics. Delegate to various working groups and conferences on energy.





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JOINT AND CO-SPONSORED UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME
(HIV/AIDS)

Letter dated 30 January 1996 from the Executive Director of
the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on
Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency
Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) to the President of the Economic
and Social Council

Last Friday the World Health Organization Office at the United Nations in New York transmitted to me the agenda adopted by the Economic and Social Council for its organizational session of 25 January and 6-9 February 1996. Thus I learnt that the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) was to be discussed under agenda item 4. While Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/2, adopted in July 1995, does refer, in paragraph 5, to a report on the status of implementation of the Programme to be submitted to the Council early in 1996, I must admit I was under the impression that the discussion would take place at the Council's substantive session of 1996, which, in my view, would be more appropriate, given the nature of the subject.

I have the honour to request, therefore, that the debate on the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS should be postponed until the Council's substantive session. This would give us time to prepare a detailed written report on new developments within the Programme and to submit it to the Programme Coordination Board at its third meeting, to be held on 10 and 11 June 1996 at Geneva. In fact, Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/2 specified that such a report should be submitted to the Council through the Board. This would also enable me to participate in the discussion personally.



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If you should be unable to postpone the discussion, it will not be possible for me to take part next week because of a planned visit to Africa.

(Signed) Peter PIOT
Executive Director



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the Secretariat

Draft decision recommended by the Open-ended Working Group
on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with
Non-Governmental Organizations

At its third session, held in New York, from 8 to 23 January 1996, the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations recommended the following draft decision for adoption by the Economic and Social Council:

"Additional session of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of
Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations

"The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations to hold another session for a period of not more than five working days in order to continue its work, preferably before the 1996 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations".

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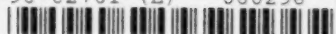
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BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

World Commission on Culture and Development

Note by the Secretariat

At the request of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the annexed letter dated 13 December 1995 from the Chairman of the World Commission on Culture and Development to the Secretary-General is made available to the Economic and Social Council for its information.



ANNEX

Letter dated 13 December 1995 from the Chairman of the
World Commission on Culture and Development to the
Secretary-General

I was so sorry that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you again on the occasion of the recent presentation of our Commission's report on creative diversity to the United Nations General Assembly. Allow me, however, to express to you again, on behalf of my colleagues and on my own behalf, our sincerest thanks for the unflagging support which you have given to our work and for the warm welcome you extended to us when the Commission met at United Nations Headquarters.

The presentation of our report is, however, but the first stage in our activities. We must now turn our efforts to effectively implementing the report's recommendations; these recommendations have already aroused keen interest within the international community.

At this stage, the assistance of the United Nations, one of the founders of our Commission, is indispensable. We cannot help but be encouraged by the attention which you yourself are giving to the issues of culture and development; as demonstrated by the publication of your Agenda for Development, these issues are becoming increasingly important at this time and we are convinced that we will be able to count in future, as we have done in the past, on the precious collaboration of your staff. We should be grateful if you could draw the attention of the heads of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to the importance of our Commission's follow-up work and to the role that they might be called upon to play in helping us achieve our objectives.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Isar, has also established promising contacts with the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development; the head of that Department, Mr. Nitin Desai, has assured us of the technical cooperation of his staff. On their advice, arrangements are being made to have our report included on the agenda of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session so that our recommendations may be brought to the attention of the Committee responsible for economic and social affairs (the Third Committee) as early as 1996.

We are also counting on the continued contribution of Mr. Pierre Fabian, an official of the Department of Public Information, who you kindly made available to the Commission in 1993 and whose presence during the follow-up stage will help to promote our activities and the image of the United Nations in the international media. I am, moreover, convinced that other ties will be established in future between the World Commission and the United Nations thanks to your kind attention.

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We will certainly keep you informed of our progress in mobilizing the main actors of civil society in our efforts to underscore the importance of the human dimension of development on this the eve of the twenty-first century.

(Signed) Javier Pérez de Cuéllar
President



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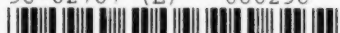
Letter dated 6 February 1996 from the Acting Permanent
Representative of Australia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Innovative funding mechanisms", for consideration in the general segment, on the provisional agenda of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, which will take place in New York from 24 June to 26 July 1996.

I enclose an explanatory memorandum in support of this request.

I would be grateful if the request for inclusion of this item could be brought to the attention of members of the Council and be taken up at the organizational session which is being held this week.

(Signed) Richard ROWE



Explanatory memorandum

Recent major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields such as the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the International Conference on Population and Development, and the World Summit for Social Development have agreed that innovative financing, including new ways of generating public and private financing resources, should be explored.

In particular, paragraph 93 of the Programme of Action of the World Summit (A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, resolution 1) stated that "in addition to augmenting the flow of resources through established channels, relevant United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council, should be requested to consider new and innovative ideas for generating funds and, for this purpose, to offer any useful suggestions". This recommendation was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/161, which, in paragraph 45, "requests the Economic and Social Council to consider new and innovative ideas for generating funds and to offer for this purpose any useful suggestions".

In proposing consideration of this item by the Council at its substantive session this year, we are conscious of the importance and urgency of securing sufficient and reliable sources of funding to address globally agreed priorities.

We propose that the Council, at its substantive session this year, should have a preliminary exchange of views on all aspects related to innovative funding mechanisms, including modalities for further consideration of this subject.
